



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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The next **meeting** is at the
Simi Senior Center,
 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.
Thursday May 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley
Thursday May 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Spring Picnic

The club is having a picnic at the usual Rancho Madera Community Park.
 The date is **Saturday, May 16**, 9 AM to 12. Dust off your radio!



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A selection of NETS

Monday	Condor Connection (Plays Newslane)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
Tuesday	County ACS HF net	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/- Winter 3.987 +/-
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	ATN-CA Net	7:30 PM	https://www.atn-tv.com
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Wednesday	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	Mesh VOIP Net* Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
Thursday	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Saturday	SSARC SSB HF Net	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	CW-QRP	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	Quad Squad net	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
Sunday	The Newbie net	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 –0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	SSARC 2 Meter Net**	8:30 PM	447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz

Additional listings of **MORE** local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

Our Sunday night net at 8:30 on 447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz:

April 5 Brian KM6MIN
 12 Kevin KD6UTC
 19 Matt N3AR
 26 Ron K6RIN

May 3 Kerwyn N6YHX
 10 Matt KN6SEC
 17 Brian KM6MIN
 24 Kevin KD6UTC
 31 Matt N3AR

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ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands-on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, just message Frank Valdez at frankki6oq@gmail.com.



The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs **Tuesdays**. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi.** You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The Tuesday **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

During the winter, it is back to 3.987 lower side band.

The Tuesday **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The Tuesday **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-0.6 MHz, PL 100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **countywide** net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

Visit vccomm.org for more updates.

For the Tuesday night nets, our net control will be:

7-Apr-26 Bill Woods	AB6BW	ORT
14-Apr-26 Dante Smith	W6JCQ	
21-Apr-26 Lisa Trent	KK6AKR	
28-Apr-26 Frank Valdez	KI6OQ	ACS
5-May-26 Ron Nelson	K6RIN	
12-May-26 Eric Oberg	KE6MLF	
19-May-26 Bill Woods	AB6BW	
26-May-26 Dante Smith	W6JCQ	

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Member Updates

Mountains to Beach Marathon by Eric KE6MLF

April 19th was the Mountains to Beach Marathon from Ojai to Ventura. Amateur radio provides communication, Support and Gear (SAG), along with chase and lead bicycles. Below is Jeffrey N3CFX (Lead 1) and Chester K1GKM (Chase 2). I myself was Chase 1.

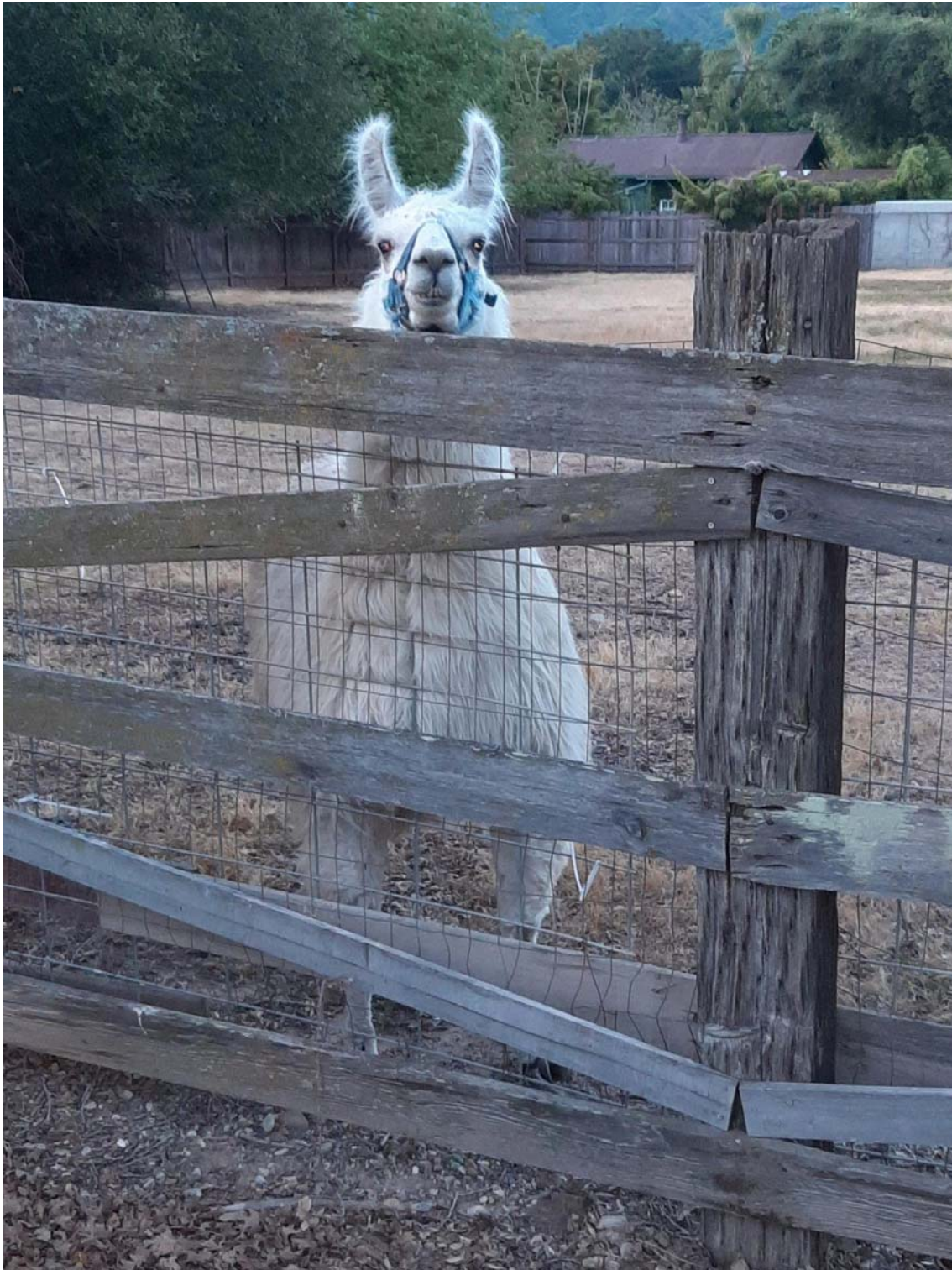


Why is it so dark? Because it is **VERY** early. Race start was 6:15 AM. That means we got up a 3, drove to San Buena Ventura beach (the finish line) by 4, and got trucked up to Ojai before the 5:30 road closures. Mill about for a bit, then Jeffrey has to zip off in FRONT of the race, while Chester and I leisurely toodle along at the back of the pack.

Like usual, our work was cut out for us keeping track of runners who start late, abandon the race, or apparently go and hide in the bushes for some period of time.

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There were lots of spectators along the course. This guy from a ranch just outside of downtown Ojai.



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One thing we tried was **What 3 Words** to identify locations. Better than reading off a bunch of numbers for Latitude and Longitude when there are no street signs within sight. I took this picture at the main corner of the 150 and 33 highway, or **///groupings.tailwind.fumed**



Had to keep up our strength during the 7 hours we were chasing the marathon, here is Chester at the Meiners Oaks donut shop, or **///affections.masterly.spurred**



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We are always wrestling with poor quality communication. The area has hills and mountains, with lots of trees. This year, I put a mag mount dual band antenna on a bit of galvanized tin bent around the luggage rack.



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I also used a 25 watt radio that Glenn WA6GNB gave me. **Thanks Glenn!** Between this and the antenna, much better coverage. The lower you get on the course, the worse things get, so that approaching Ventura city limits, radio communication is mostly poop.



For next year, the radio needs some kind of mount, I need to create a tiny speaker on the handlebar, and find out if the battery “did or did not” shut off via the Battery Management System. Something tripped the radio off once or twice, but NOT while I was transmitting. Loose wire?

A number of other Settlers were in attendance:

Avi K6AVI - Station Bravo

Dave KM6FQ - Station Kilo

Doug WA6RJN - Station Juliet

Eric KB6DYJ - SAG 6

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Good stuff is that the race photographers give lower resolution photos away for free. Here I am with the last runner, crossing the finish line, tired and ready for a snack. One donut and a carton of chocolate milk only goes so far. I am sure Avi, Dave, Doug, and other Eric were also cooked and done by the end of the day as well.



Anybody else care to join us for next year?

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Repeater Maintenance, photos by Paul WD6EBY

Last weekend, a bunch of us went to one of the local repeater sites to move a few cables and antennas around. Spent many hours on this monster:



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I was hidden behind one of the white sector antennas, but here is Eric KB6DYJ at the tippy top wrestling with mounts, pipes, and antennas. That stupid mount has the feet pegs offset, no comfortable place to stand.



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Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles - **Create your profile here!**

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

www.theborednet.net - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the **groups.io** banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-ac.s.groups.io/g/main/messages

vc-ac.s.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

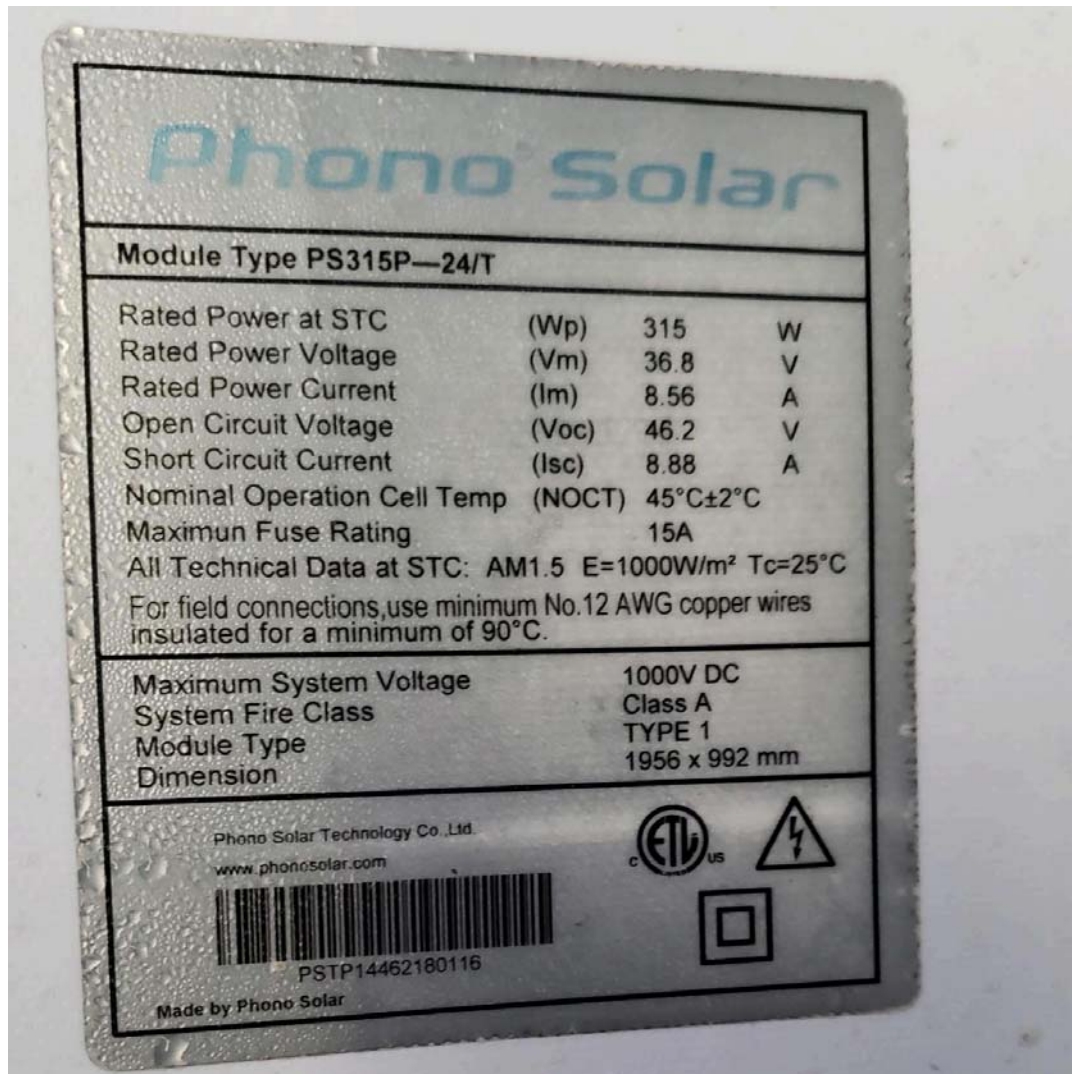
SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

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From Orv W6BI

For Sale - 315 watt solar panels - \$50 each. Lightly-used prior to being taken out of service. Four available. Funds will be directed towards Simi Valley repeater maintenance



From Joe W6JWP

Creality CR-6 SE 3D Printer \$150.00 OBO. Lots of tools and spare parts included. More pictures available upon request.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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From Joe W6JWP

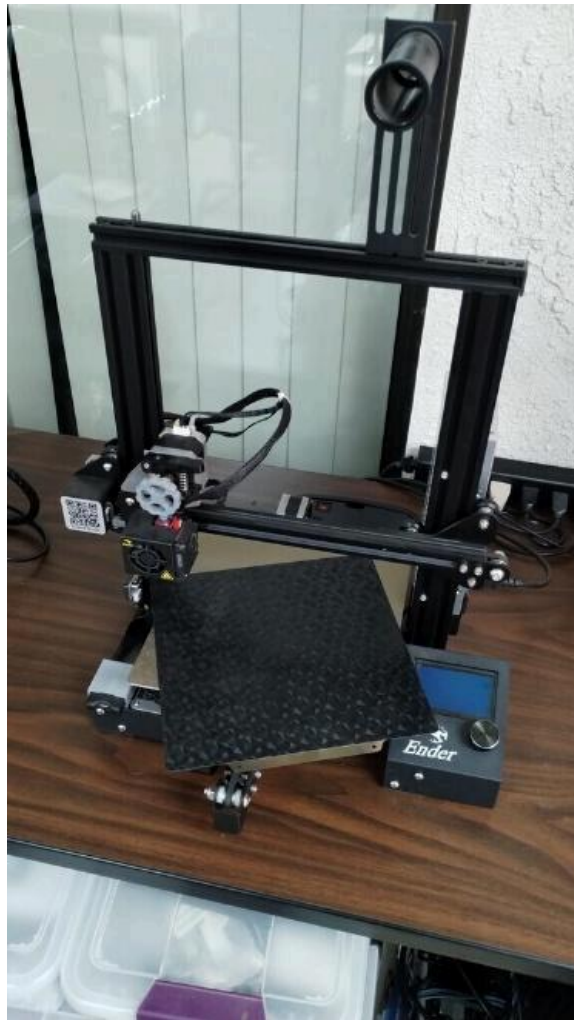
Ender 3 v1 3D FDM Printer

Modified for direct drive.

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed. Includes a spare textured steel bed.

Good basic machine

Free to a good home.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER



This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or μ -measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for \$99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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From Glenn WA6GNB

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. \$30.00 Contact Glen at gnb.2112@yahoo.com

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simissettlers.org/index.htm>
 Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>
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Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simisetters.org)

Membership Application



Type of Application:

New Member ☐
Renewal ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$25/yr) ☐
Family (\$30/yr) ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Badges requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

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Application type: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ Family ☐

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Database completed: _____

Badges and Shirts ordered: _____

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